

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Steven Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Neurolysis (TEN) are severe adverse reactions to medication; and
- WHEREAS,** more than two million Americans are hospitalized each year with Steven Johnson Syndrome, and more than 140,000 of these die as a result of the illness; and
- WHEREAS,** almost any medication, even over the counter drugs can cause SJS; and
- WHEREAS,** the large portion of SJS victims are children although the illness does not discriminate based on age, race, or gender; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing the early symptoms of SJS and prompt medical attention are the most valuable tools in minimizing possible long-term effects SJS may have on its victims; and
- WHEREAS,** by raising public awareness of SJS, the State of Louisiana seeks to minimize the devastating effects of the illness among all Louisianans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim August 2006, as

## STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

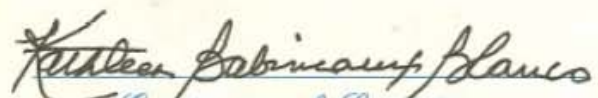
in the state of Louisiana.



*Attest By*  
*The Governor*

  
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*Secretary of State*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the \_\_\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ August \_\_\_\_\_  
A.D., \_\_\_\_\_ 2006 \_\_\_\_\_*

  
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*Governor of Louisiana*